

Military Distinction. He is the son of Everett and Sybil Christensen of Madelia, MN.

Mr. President, I offer my congratulations to Captain Christensen and his family on this award.●

#### RETIREMENT OF STEPHAN LEONOUKAKIS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to draw the Senate's attention to the career of Stephen C. Leonoudakis.

Stephan was Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District from 1962 until his retirement this past January. Even by the standards set by some members of this chamber, this is a long time. He served continuously in the same position for 38 years. Over the course of this time, he became nearly as integral to the Bridge District as the famous span for which it was named. There are few who remember a time when he was not Director. The question is not whether he will be missed, but what will we do without him?

Stretching from San Francisco to Marin County across the opening to San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most identifiable landmarks in the world. People flock to the bridge from around the globe, often braving the chilly mid-summer fog to catch a breathtaking glimpse of the city to the east, the seemingly endless Pacific Ocean to the west, the Bay directly below and the graceful structure itself above and around. It is a truly enchanted place.

But, as the name implies, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District is more than just a bridge with a million dollar view. It is a full-service transportation district complete with buses, ferries, bicycles, pedestrians, staffers and all the maintenance and other administrative challenges that come with them. This is where Stephan really shined. Over his tenure, he participated in transforming the Bridge District from an agency that essentially looked after a beautiful landmark into an organization which operates a world-class transit agency serving millions of commuters and visitors annually. This is a tremendous achievement that Stephan shares.

There were times, I imagine, when people thought that Stephan might just outlast the bridge he loved and looked after all these years. But thanks to solid construction, regular maintenance and a vigorous seismic program he began, it looks like Stephan is going to beat the bridge into retirement by many years. We can all be grateful for that even as we bid a friend a fond, happy and healthy retirement. No one deserves it more.●

#### THE LA SALLE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievement of

La Salle Academy of Providence, RI whose football team became State Champions for the year 2000.

In 1871, the de La Salle Christian Brothers came to Rhode Island to teach at the "Brothers" school. In 1876, that school became an academy and was named La Salle, after the Christian Brothers founder, Saint John Baptiste de La Salle. Since its opening 125 years ago, La Salle has offered its students a rigorous, value-based education. The Brothers' approach to comprehensive student development has been evident not only in their academic excellence, but in the successes of their clubs and athletic teams as well.

The athletic department at La Salle has a strong commitment to instilling leadership, sportsmanship, and a healthy approach to athletic competition. Since its founding in 1908, the La Salle football program has been one of the most successful in the state. Legendary Coach Jack Cronin guided the Rams to 274 wins during his 44 years tenure from 1928 to 1972. In the 1940's and 1950's, La Salle played before some of the largest crowds ever to see a game in Rhode Island, including 25,000 in 1945, 40,000 in 1947, and 10,000 in 1955. In the 1970's and 1980's, the La Salle football team won ten Division A titles.

La Salle also participates in the oldest sports rivalry in the state. For seventy-one years, La Salle and East Providence High School have met traditionally on Thanksgiving Day. Up until this past year, the series had been tied, but with La Salle's victory they now proudly lead that series 35-34, with two ties.

Through the leadership of Tim Coen, first year Coach of the La Salle Rams, and Team Captains Toyin Barnisile, Joe Ben, Howie Brown, David Regus, and Jon-Erik Schneiderhan, La Salle can boast its first Super Bowl Division Championship. After winning only four of nine league games in the previous year, the Rams completed the regular season with an impressive 9-0 record, including a win over Thanksgiving rival and two-time defending state champions East Providence.

The last time La Salle played in a championship game was nearly a decade ago in 1992, when they lost to Portsmouth High School. The year 2000 finally brought a re-match as this year's Super Bowl game pitted the Portsmouth Patriots against the La Salle Rams. The Rams were victorious in a very close game, thanks to the exceptional effort put forth by the La Salle team supported by their fellow students and alumni.

As a proud graduate and former member of the La Salle Academy football team, I know the skills, training, and strength of character that are necessary to achieve what this program has achieved. I would ask that my colleagues join me in applauding La Salle Academy for its remarkable accomplishments this year and throughout its long tradition of excellence.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-292 (36 U.S.C. 2301), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. CANNON.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(b) of Public Law 93-642 (20 U.S.C. 2004(b)), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mrs. EMERSON of Missouri and Mr. SKELTON of Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (Public Law 106-173), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. PHELPS of Illinois.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts: to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1094. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children